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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Naoya KANEDA)	: Examiner: Chriss S. Yoder, III
Appln. No.: 10/015,750)	: Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: December 17, 2001)	: Confirmation No.: 2874
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For: IMAGING APPARATUS WITH)	
INTERCHANGEABLE LENS APPARATUS,)	:
THE LENS APPARATUS HAVING A)	
MEMORY FOR STORING OPTICAL)	: October 26, 2006
PERFORMANCE DATA OF THE LENS)	
APPARATUS (As Amended))	:

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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated October 10, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before January 10, 2007, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the October 10, 2006 Notice of Allowability on the grounds whereas the Reasons refer to “a camera system having a detachable lens system that stores optical resolution performance data of the lens system in a memory within the lens system” or “a camera system having a detachable

lens system, wherein the lens system has a memory for storing optical performance data of the lens system”, the claims instead recite:

- (a) Claim 8: --An imaging apparatus to which a lens apparatus having a memory in which information of an optical performance is stored is interchangeably attached--; and
- (b) Claims 13, 18, 21, 26, 32, and 36: --An optical apparatus comprising an imaging apparatus and a lens apparatus interchangeably attached to said imaging apparatus-- wherein the --optical apparatus-- comprises --a memory in which information of an optical performance of said imaging optical unit is stored--.

And whereas the Reasons refer to “based on the stored optical resolution performance data, the camera changes the information size of the image”, the claims instead recite that the --controller changes the information size of the image information in accordance with the information of the optical performance-- (Claim 8) or the --controller changes the information size of the image information in accordance with the information of the optical performance from said lens controller-- (Claims 13, 32, and 36). And the Reasons contain other deviations from the actual language of the claims, which are allowable for the text that they in fact contain.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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